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THE BOND OF UNITY

(Annual Meeting Second Divine Science Church of Denver)

EDWIN G. DEAN

'Tis not mere chance that brings together
Home folks such as we;
Happy, joyous, loving home folks,
Hearts and minds from cares set free.

'Tis not an accident of fate,
Nor aimless social mingling
That sets the pulse-throbs of the soul
In joyous cadence jingling.

One common Source we recognize
Of all things here and there—
The Omnipresence—Spirit—Love—
Permeating everywhere.

With this Presence too are found
All Knowledge and all Power;
The Trinity—Divinity—
Sustaining all this very hour.

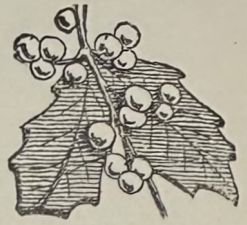
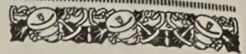
And hence the kinship we behold
Of you and me and all the rest;
God planned things wisely—we do well
To recognize His plan as best.

The Good of life is ours to claim;
And, strange as it may seem,
The more we use and pass it on,
The more there is for us to glean.

A helping hand, a word of cheer,
Make another's burdens lighter;
And help to roll the clouds away,
And make your own day brighter.

Thus, 'neath it all a purpose clear
Defines our mode of living—
Not what we get makes life's success,
But, rather, what we're giving.

Our greetings true
 We send to you
 This happy Christmas-time.
 May joys replete,
 And blessings sweet,
 Forever more be thine!



Charles
 Edgar
 Prather



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Most people think that life is run on the Christmas-tree plan: Things are just hung on as gifts by a big man outside. But life is carried out on the peach-tree plan. Fruit, leaves, and all, are the result of the inner processes of the tree-life itself. Get the forces within you into operation, and "Ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," but it will be done by the God who dwells inside of you and not outside.—Rev. Thomas Parker Boyd.

WHAT TO GIVE

Give to your enemy forgiveness.
 Give to your opponent tolerance.
 Give to your friends your heart.
 Give to your child a good example.
 Give to your parents deference.
 Give to everybody sunshine.

PRIMARY LESSONS IN DIVINE SCIENCE

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER.

LESSON 5—THE CHRIST



SPECIALLY AT THIS SEASON do our thoughts turn to the **ESSENTIAL TRUTH** of all religion—**THE CHRIST**. It may be known by other names to other peoples of other beliefs, yet it is the same Spirit of Truth that "lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Therefore, it is the Chief Essential of every religion. Without it, worship is superficial, mere ceremony, "having a form of goodness, but denying (lacking) the power thereof."

What, then, is the Christ? Who was Jesus Christ? Is Jesus and the Christ one and the same? Was Jesus the "only begotten Son" of God? Who or what is the savior of the world? Was Jesus divine? and, What is a Christian?

These are honest inquiries of millions of sincere hearts. The world has been taught for ages to accept without question the declarations of those in "religious authority," and thus creeds and dogmas have taken the place of true Christianity.

As a rule, the church has been the last institution to adopt any progressive movement, being both conservative and reactionary. Religion, therefore, has stultified inspiration and dulled the conscience, that "still small voice" which is ever seeking expression in the heart of man. It has been left to that semi-religious movement, known as the New Thought, to reveal true Christianity unto the world. And the church is slowly but surely accepting its demonstrated principles of living Truth.

Divine Science means literally "knowing God." Not a guess, nor a belief; neither a hope, nor a theory; but an actual realization, "the Spirit itself bearing witness with our spirit."

The worth of a thing is known by what it produces. The practice of the Presence of God makes you godly, and produces the "fruit of the Spirit"—Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance; the effect of which is Health, Wholeness, Holiness.

Right thought, right motive, earnest desire, and persistency of effort harmonize and unify. This was discovered by man without the thought of religion or through any religious instruction; it was the natural result of calm reflection free from any restraint or creedal bondage. But that process of thought soon led man to the source of all true thought—the One Perfect Mind, and man found himself only a small channel through which Infinite Intelligence operates. Here arose the idea of worship, giving recognition, honor and reverence to the One Source and Fullness of all Good, which we call God our Father.

This discovery of fundamental Truth without the thought of religious dictum, and its practical application in mental, physical and temporal affairs, proved beyond any question of doubt its reality, and led man to a recognition of its Source, its nature and power. Hence the use of the term "semi-religious movement," known as the New Thought.

When one has passed through this evolution of mentality, from a belief in anything adverse to God to a realization or knowledge of the Truth, he becomes wholly religious, which means "a binding back" or becoming wholly and consciously at-one with God, the Source and Substance of his being. For this reason Divine Science represents the spiritual and religious phase of New Thought, and therefore is rightly known as the Higher Thought.

Divine Science proclaims the Truth of God to the world, and therefore the Truth of Man; for Man is the Expression of God, and is ever ONE with Perfect Life, Perfect Intelligence, and Perfect Substance. It goes direct to the Source of Intelligence—God—for its Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding.

The medium through which this Intelligence is imputed to man, the means by which he is made conscious (fully aware), is by the "inspiration of the Almighty," called THE CHRIST. This illuminating, Truth-revealing Power is universal, and has never and can never be limited to any time, locality or personality. It is the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, as declared Paul. This is the "only begotten Son," the saving, healing and transforming power of every man, and therefore of the world.

Jesus the Christ was such only after he became fully conscious of his oneness with God. Jesus, the human, grew in wisdom and in stature; he profited by experience, ever expanding in consciousness until the personality (Jesus) was emerged into the universal (the Christ). For, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience (selflessness) by the things which he suffered; and being (thus) made perfect, he became the author (revealer) of eternal salvation." (Heb. 5:8, 9.) "For it became him (God) . * . * . to make the captain of their salvation (Jesus) perfect through sufferings." (Heb. 2:10.)

We find, then, that Jesus was the human, like unto the rest of us. He was responsive to the intuition, the inspiration of Truth—the Christ—within him, and when he arrived at the point of spiritual unfoldment wherein he could say, "I of mine own self can do nothing: the Father within me he doeth the works," he became conscious of the Allness of God, conscious of his divinity, and conscious of power. Jesus Christ therefore means Man conscious of his divinity, realizing that "I and my Father are one." Refer this same truth to yourself: let go your thought of self, the personality; let God through the quickening spirit of Christ within you reveal your divinity, and you will become conscious of the Allness of God and nothingness of self; thus you will verily be Jesus the Christ—a savior of the world! Stupendous truth! Glorious truth!

Jesus demonstrated what God will do for you when you open yourself to the Christ-light. Jesus, the individual expression, expands into

the Christ, the Divine expression. What he realized we may all realize. What he demonstrated we may demonstrate. What he did we may do.

This universal Christ, the "only begotten Son," is your only hope of glory, of salvation. Because the religious world has attached the Christ to only one man, its truth has been hid. It has been "the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but is now made manifest to his saints * * * which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:26, 27.)

Jesus and the Christ are therefore blended, become one, when man becomes conscious of the indwelling God. This is the "Power that worketh in you," which purifies, frees, redeems, transforms—verily your savior. The impersonal Christ, the universal Christ, becomes your savior, the savior of the world, as through its light you awaken from the dream of sense to a conscious realization of the Truth. "Awake, thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light." "For ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free"—from all mental misconceptions, wrong beliefs and untrue conclusions.

Divine Science proclaims the divinity of the man Jesus—the most God-conscious man known to history. And it declares the divinity of all humanity! This does not drag Jesus down to the seeming level of humanity, but lifts humanity to its rightful plane. Jesus himself declared, "That which is born of Spirit is Spirit." God is Spirit; God is the Only Source, Substance, Creator. Therefore, we are "born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of GOD." (John 1:12, 13.) And, "Of His fullness have all we received." "Now are we the sons of God." "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8:16, 17.)

A Christian, by whatever name he may be known, is one who gives heed to the promptings of Truth within him, who walks in the light as it is given him through his expanding consciousness, who thinks his highest, truest thoughts and lives his best. This is the "inspiration of the Almighty," the unerring guide, the Revelation of Truth—the Christ. He who follows this Light, though he lives in "darkest Africa" and never heard the name of Jesus, is verily a Christian!

CONCENTRATES:

I have the Mind of Christ.

The Christ is the Light of my world.

RESOLVES:

To think the thoughts of God, the Good, only.

To walk daily in the Light of Truth.

The scientific way of using affirmation is simply to contemplate, serenely and with absorbed and unwaveringly-centered interest, your own innate perfection.—Paul Ellsworth.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

This world is full of beauty,
'Tis full of love and joy;
'Tis filled with health and happiness,
And peace without alloy.

There's music in the sunshine,
There are songs for us to sing,
For the world is full of music,—
Be still, and hear it ring.

There's life in every moment,
There's peace in every day,
There's light in every hour,
And strength in every ray.

The world is full of goodness,
'Tis full of truth, likewise;
God's heaven is within us,
And earth His paradise.

—Alfred Tomson.

THE CHRIST PEACE

The quality of peace, like that of mercy, "is not strained; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven." It is the gift of The One, and only by a realization of our at-one-ness with The One can we obtain peace.

Peace, what is it? It is Divine Harmony—tranquility, quietness, rest, reconciliation.

Peace of Spirit, proceeding from the One, is the Peace of God which passeth all understanding. It is the fruit of many struggles; the reward of "him that overcometh," and who is "greater than the mighty." Peace is tranquility of mind, the result of much mental discipline; it is also rest of the body, the result of tranquility of mind, and in families and nations it is love and reconciliation.

Could we but know it, in the midst of apparent strife Peace reigns, supreme, and a great purpose is being carried out, and evolution forwarded. Nature teaches us this, for when the winds blow, the dark clouds gather and the storms rage,—beyond, above it all, the sun is still shining serenely, an emblem of Eternal Peace and Love. When the storm and tempest have cleared the air and freshened the vegetation, then we see the wonderful growth, and we bless the peace that ensues. So in human life, 'midst storm and tempest the mind may rise to the Spirit, supreme and serene, above all, and out of what seemed during the battle and strife to be a great trial and affliction, we may see our soul lifted and know the result to be good.

We all have our parts to play in life's drama—let each one of us play our best, and keeping our thoughts serene in the midst of storms and clouds, pierce through the gloom and realize our oneness with the Supreme Sun that shines alike on the good and the evil, the just and the unjust. Let us realize the Oneness of All, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man,—so shall we help to bring Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.—S. L. Allison.

THE REIGNING POWER OF THE UNIVERSE

J. M. Peebles, M. D.



EARS, with their sunshine, their shadows and festivities, come and go like sea waves. If the new is old, it is equally true that the old is new, a new realization upon each returning Christmas. How the aged and the young welcome this festal day.

"I wish you a Merry Christmas!" How these happy, inspiring words, all afire with good cheer, ring out from the lips of the million. How this anniversary takes the aged, whose hairs are silvered with the frosts of many winters, back to the dreamland of their youth. How it reminds them of those old family gatherings, when the youth, the children and the scattered relatives flock back to the old homestead. How it reminds us of that auspicious night in a far distant land when the star appeared in the east and the angels sung to the watching shepherds, "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

Let us look back through the historic pages. In ancient times noted persons, kings and orators, after their death, were exalted, honored and worshipped as gods. This was especially true in Oriental lands; and secondly in so-called pagan lands. And it is evident that some of the Christian festivals were borrowed from the pagans and held at or about the same time. For instance, Saturn (Chronos) was honored as a god and his season of festivity was called the Saturnalia—a Roman festival, and celebrated on the 17th and 19th of December. When this empire became powerful this festival lasted for several days.

Bunsen informs us that it was late in December when Gautama Buddha was born. His birth was celebrated and is still celebrated among the Buddhists of China. In Egypt, Horus, son of Isis, was born in December. And Greece, in the winter solstice, celebrated the birth of Dionysus, while Persia honored the birth of Nithras, said to have occurred in December. That the Hebrew Christians, coming into racial relations with Greeks and Romans, adopted many expressions derived from the pagan philosophy and pagan ceremonies, no scholar will dispute.

From the mysteries connected with the Druids, or the Scandinavians, a strange ceremony was practiced, relating to the yule-log. This was quite a long block of hard wood, placed across the fireplace, which, when it began blazing, the candles were lighted, the holly branches were waved and the songs of jollification commenced.

In those very quiet old days of our motherhood, the English enthused far more over Christmas than they do now, and in a more material way. Those old times have given place to sunny social gatherings, beautiful floral decorations, renewal of former friendships and most sumptuous meals.

What changes since then! No railroads, no telegraphs, no telephones, no typewriters, no electric lights then. Though those old scenes and sermons and blighting dogmas of damnation in our boyhood years have vanished into an abysmal past, Christmas, with its merriment, its

shoutings, its gladsome gatherings, its homestead festivals, still lives. Things rooted in principles, and great characters, heaven-inspired, never die.

Human life at longest is brief. We brought nothing material into this world and we can take nothing material out of it; and it is of little consequence whether anyone were born in a palace or a peasant's hut. It is reported that Jesus, the Christ, was born in a manger; and yet, in a few hundred years, proud, imperial Rome trembled from her foundations because of the psychic forces concealed in that manger. Christmas points the thinking mind back to that humble birth to that man, medium and martyr, who, while going about doing good, had not where to lay his head, and Christians in all enlightened countries honor that inspired martyr.

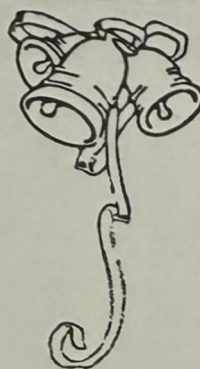
It is absolutely amazing how this character strikes the minds of different people. To the uncultured and atheistic-agnostic, Jesus never lived—he was a mere myth; to the great German, Strauss, he was a wise Rabbi; to the great Jewish Rabbi, Akiba, he was a magician; to the illustrious Renan, a sublime moral teacher; to Fourier, a warm-hearted socialist; to Fenelon, a most rapt mystic; to Thomas Payne, the most sincere of philanthropists; to Mueller, the harmony of all history; to Emerson, the transcendent prophet; to Parker, a fellow brother and self-sacrificing reformer; to A. J. Davis, the great Syrian seer; to Charles Edgar Prather, the revealer of Truth, the exemplar of man's divinity; to Robert G. Ingersoll, he was one of the "most generous and self-denying men, for whom I feel only admiration and respect."

The above illustrious and highly unfolded men and women express my conceptions of that Judean Christ, who, using the inspired words of that eminent speaker and author, W. J. Colville, is undoubtedly "the reigning power of the moral universe."

While orthodox sectarists, calling themselves Christians, make Jesus of Nazareth a God, or at least a third part of God in the Trinity, liberals in America consider Jesus a highly inspired man, begotten naturally, yet on a higher spiritual plane of consciousness than the masses of mankind. Every conception should be immaculate, having within the germinal possibilities of a forthcoming Christ—the word Christ, meaning the anointed, the illumined, the heavenly inspired. Jesus was called the Christ after being baptized and anointed. The world has had many Christs in the past ages; and as the world develops and unfolds, there will be more Christed souls as Saviors, such as Jesus, Krishna, Guatama Buddha, Lord Guaranga, et al. Give these saviors all the honor their due.

Finally, on this calm Christmas evening, with heart warm with affection and a soul overflowing with love and kindness, I say to you, friends and acquaintances in this and foreign lands, A Merry Christmas—and may peace and prosperity and the choicest blessings of heaven rest upon and abide with you.

I am one with Infinite Love. This Love is a potent healing factor which permeates every atom of my being, and I rejoice in the consciousness that I am now whole through the Power of the Christ.



AM my *Thoughts*. And, inasmuch as they are
Beautiful and Good, so must *I* be.

And in the *measure* that I give them out,

Kind, Loving, Free,

In just that measure, Friend,

To *You* I'm giving *Me*.

ROSCOE K. STOCKTON.

The International Bible Lessons

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER.

December 6th. Lesson 10.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Mark 16:1-8; Matt. 28:11-25.

Golden Text: Luke 24:5, 6—Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.

When the external form changes and disappears from its usual appearance or activity, the process is called death. But there is no cessation of life anywhere; so, in fact, there can be no death, such as is commonly supposed.

All matter is filled with life, intelligence and substance. This vitalizing essence we call Spirit. Change in form takes place, but every atom yet continues to pulsate with life.

The sudden or abrupt change in form, called death, is but an *event* in life, and comes to the individual only when it needs must come for his further growth or development. This event, then, should not be resisted or feared, but understood and co-operated within the consciousness of life—Eternal Life.

It was this realization of the Truth, this knowing no power but that of Life, which enabled Jesus to triumph over the belief of the world that death was a cessation of life and consciousness. Jesus, in his human phase, met with all sorts of experiences like as do we. It was this mental self which had to be wiped out upon the cross—crossed out, so that the real Self, the Christ, might come forth into expression in its fullness.

Jesus, the human, died upon the cross; personality was eliminated. The Christ, the God-consciousness, was brought forth just as soon as the sense thoughts and beliefs were removed. This awakening to the Truth, this coming up from sense thralldom, this revelation of the unity, oneness, of all, both invisible and visible, is the true and only

resurrection. It was fully demonstrated as such by Jesus the Christ.

Reaching the goal of earth experience—knowing the Truth: that God (Spirit) is all there is, and therefore the substance of all form; that only Spirit is begotten of Spirit, which is Life, Substance and Intelligence, Jesus not only became conscious of his spiritual identity, but also the truth of his body. Thus knowing (being fully aware of) only one Substance, actuated by one Life, and directed by one Intelligence, he wiped out all appearance of wrong belief—death.

The Christ is the revelation of Truth, the “inspiration of the Almighty,” by which man consciously realizes God in him as his very life, his entire being. Since “God is Light, in whom there is no darkness at all,” it is evident that this God-Intelligence could not die or cease to be active. Man alone beclouds his spiritual vision by wrong thoughts and beliefs. So long as he believes in death he will see it and experience it. But so soon as he opens himself to the divine revelation, the Christ, he will see only Life in every changing mood, the Life which is eternal.

In this way man will learn to revive, renew and redeem his body, and finally the world in knowing the Truth will triumph over the ignorant belief and be forever free from the abrupt change of form called death. But it must come through the uplifting, the resurrection of the Christ, the Truth, within. Begin today to practice it.

The same Mind that was in Jesus the Christ is now active in me, and through this indwelling Power I can do all things.

December 13th. Lesson 11.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:44-49.

Golden Text: Matt. 28:20—Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

What a great commission has been given to you—yes, to you individually, my friend. We all often apply the Truth too generally, forgetting the important lesson that it is for you, for me. So let us make this lesson individual.

Sometimes all externals fail us; our friends, especially the particular ones to whom we have looked for guidance and strength, have failed us. We are now left to our own inner meditations, and from them we must draw some definite conclusion, some rule of action. This is the needful thing, and was probably what Jesus meant when he told his disciples that it was necessary for him to leave them in order that the Comforter might come to them. They had followed and relied upon Jesus personally, and therefore missed the essential thing—the realization of the Christ within themselves.

Thus when we seem to stand alone, forsaken, our hopes crushed—we then turn to the only source of help—God. That is usually our last recourse, when everything else has failed us; just as I used to hear a dear old soul always state in her public prayers—“O Lord, we come to Thee, for we have nowhere else to go.” But in this extremity we always find a ready response as we open ourselves to the Truth.

This turning to God now becomes the actual individual ascent into the realm of the Real, away from sense conditions, away from fears and false beliefs, into the mountain of the Lord, into spiritualization, into consciousness of the Truth.

This is the resurrection of Christ in the individual. Because of our former beliefs we may for a time question and doubt, but being in the right attitude and receptive, we will hear that “still small voice”—the

Christ—within us instructing and encouraging us, as did these apostles in our lesson. It reveals itself as Love, Intelligence and Power; in fact, we become conscious of but One Presence and Power, and as it is all-pervading, it now animates and verily constitutes our being.

What does it reveal? Listen: Unto me, the Christ, which is your very life, is now given all power in heaven and in earth; in both the invisible and the manifest I am the only activity, the Power of God revealed. As you begin to see this oneness of Life and Expression, as you begin to know the Truth for yourself, unto you is given to know the Truth for yourself, unto you is given this same Power.

The Christ is your light as it was the light of Jesus. Your mission, my mission, then, is the same as his. This inspiration continues while we are in this high spiritual attitude (mountain), impelling us to let this revealed Truth shine through us that all might see and live; purifying them, as we were purified, from sense delusion by the light of Truth, (the inner meaning of baptism).

This awakening, however, must not be done in our own strength or thought of self, but in the nature (name) of the one Source of all (Father), the activity of this Presence, which is the Holy Spirit, and in the authority of the Christ expressed as divine humanity (the Son). Then and then only shall we have that sweet satisfaction—the fullness of joy—in realizing that this Living Christ of God is ever with us as our Life, our Intelligence, our Love, our Power, our ALL. The Holy Comforter has come. The Christ within is our hope fulfilled, and we are filled with glory.

The Fountain of Health within me is now flowing forth with strength and power, and I am filled and thrilled with the fearless energy of the Spirit through the living Christ.

December 20th. Lesson 12.
THE UNIVERSAL KINGDOM
 Isaiah 11:1-10.

Golden Text: Isa. 11:6—The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Ascension means to be lifted or taken up. There are no directions or distances in Spirit. Higher and lower are therefore terms used by man to denote degrees of consciousness, awareness or ignorance of the Truth.

That which is of the mentality—including the earth, flesh, the "carnal mind," is of darkness, which is the lower. That which pertains to the Spiritual—including harmony, love and truth, is of Light, true knowing; and is therefore the higher.

To pass through the mental evolution from belief in anything adverse to God, from belief in sin, sickness, poverty, discord, and death, to a knowledge of the Truth, to a knowledge of the All One and the One All—God, the Good—is to pass from the lower to the higher, which is Ascension:

This process is accomplished by the Holy Spirit through its agency, its

"only begotten Son"—the Christ. It was this Illumination which lifted Jesus into the realization of divinity. It is this Revelation of Truth which redeems humanity from the curse of sin—all shortcoming.

The method or process is the same for us as demonstrated by Jesus. Tarry at Jerusalem—continue in spiritual meditation and communion until you are baptised (cleansed, inspired, instructed) by the Holy Spirit. When this is accomplished, when you are really conscious of the Holy Spirit, you are filled with power—true power.

Your mission is then to be and to do—living witnesses unto the Truth that heals, saves, redeems.

Only by "looking steadily toward heaven," earnest desire and aspiration, with openness of heart, is your ascension possible.

December 27th. Lesson 13.
REVIEW

There is nothing wrong with human affairs but ignorance. Perhaps a better way to put it would be to say that all our troubles are due to our failure to use the knowledge and power that is ours. Nature has no pity, no desire, no hate, no love. She smites mercilessly all who violate her laws. She does not excuse ignorance nor pardon neglect. Transgress some unwritten law of health and down you go, no matter how good and useful your life may be. Pestilence nor famine nor misfortune take cognizance of morals or faith. "Obey the law or perish," is the inexorable mandate issued without quarter or favor.—H. C. Evans.

Have we done our best to give girls and boys of our homes, our schools and our towns that opportunity for social life and training so vital to the well-rounded development of all young life? Are we giving them, through some sort of organized social life, opportunity to learn that finest of all arts, the art of living and working and playing—together? If not, then we are unworthy of our sponsorship of the citizens of tomorrow; for "brotherhood" is the keynote of all fine living. Without it will never come that universal brotherhood toward which our highest longings turn.

THE LAW OF GROWTH

DAISY L. FRIEDMAN.

CHAPTER II

THE CAUSE OF RETARDED GROWTH

And I will trust that He who heeds
The life that hides in the need and wold,
Who hangs yon alder's crimson beads,
And stains these mosses green with gold,
Will still, as He hath done, incline
His graciousness to me and mine.

—Whittier.



FROM OUR STUDY OF TREE-LIFE, this conclusion is inevitably formed,—that a Mind, a Perfect Mind exists in which is a Perfect or Divine Plan, and in which every living organism has a part to perform. From our daily experiences we know that if we formulate a plan, that it is needful to have rules in order to bring that plan into execution.

Just as essential as it is for us to have rules systematically applied to accomplish our purpose, so it is essential that rules or laws emanate from the Divine Mind in order to accomplish the Divine Plan. This is shown in the laws governing three-life or plant; and in the study of astronomy, geology, chemistry, and in every expenditure of energy which is broadly stated as Nature.

All that we have seen in the tree is the unconscious growing from within to an outward expression. The Biblical advice, "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, they spin not, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these," means that through a study of the growing of plant-life we awaken to the knowledge of manifesting our purpose in the Divine Plan. It means that we should follow in the same calm, peaceful way; for that which develops growth in us is from the same source as that which gives so freely to the tree. We are given more, and of a higher degree; however, we are to learn to make the proper use of it; for the tree goes through no process of turmoil as we see in viewing mankind, but an unconscious reaching out to manifest its purpose in the Divine Plan.

It is meant for us to do likewise. Are we not of the same Source? Is not the Divine Mind ready to respond to our reception, for are we not created for a purpose, are we not of as great a purport to provide harmonious growth as the trees and flowers? Since we have been shown that harmonious growth is provided for in the tree-life, is it not rational to suppose that it is provided for us? Wherein it has failed to show in each individual's life, is it not also rational to suppose that connection with the Divine Plan has been severed? We are given a mind and will to know consciously the Divine Plan, and to put ourselves in proper attitude to the Divine Laws; whereas, in tree-life the Divine Law or Life is expressed unconsciously when all the conditions are perfect for its growth.

We have not studied the many adverse forces which are against perfected growth. A tree has no power to change its environment or change its surroundings; but it depends upon man's judgment in placing it; or upon the wind, animals, birds, or insects, in scattering its seed. Wherever the seed is placed, it draws upon the Universal Energy and makes as much of it as the conditions can admit. If a perfect seed, and proper conditions as to soil, climate, air and sunshine exist, the tree manifests perfection.

Trees have the power to bring the best out of poor surroundings and resist adverse forces, if there is perfect drainage and proper soil. Man can be and is an excellent help to trees, but he must have an understanding of the laws governing them, just as we must understand the laws governing ourselves, or we bring chaos instead of relief and order. The tree is dependent upon man for many services, and repays man many times in various ways with the products of its work. In the study of the tree, we find that those trees which are subjected to disease and are the prey of the insects, and cannot withstand the force of the winds, are the ones of defective growth. As a rule, these defects are due to some mistake on the part of man,—in his not understanding the law. "Nature is kind; but she can be just as stubborn as you can. She is never known to shirk, but she will not do your part," says Davey. Because of these defects, the tree cannot use unhindered the Universal Energy to become strong enough to resist. We readily see that if a tree has not sufficient vitality to grow and manifest its purpose, it will not have sufficient strength to overcome the added burden of adverse, external forces. No adverse, external force of itself is sufficiently strong to kill tree-life. It is because we place improper conditions around the tree so that it is hindered from the Universal Energy. "Nothing happens to the human being, animal or plant without a cause."

When our growth is retarded, we fail to manifest perfection of mind and body, and fail to obtain or maintain health. Our growth is retarded for the same reason as is that of the tree,—we are hindered from the Universal Energy expressing its vitalizing power to overcome adverse, external forces. It is also true of our lives, that no adverse external force is of itself sufficiently strong to destroy life, if we have used properly this Universal Energy, which is freely given and which is free to be received. A tree needs to submit to man's judgment, but we do not need to submit to any one's judgment except that of the Divine Mind; for, as we are of a higher degree or plane, we are given a mind to use so as to express the Divine Mind. For this reason, and because we are given more to work with, we should give expression to more of the Universal Energy; therefore, we should easily manifest our purpose.

It is our duty to become one with the Divine Mind if we wish to manifest as harmoniously as the tree, which unhindered, fulfills its purpose. Through a proper use of the mind, we are enabled to remove every hindrance, whereas the tree cannot. Only through the proper use of the mind can we learn to know consciously God or the Divine Mind, and until we do learn to know and manifest It in every detail of our lives we are subjected to accidents, mistreatment and diseases for the

same reason we subject the tree to mistreatment. The more we understand of the Laws emanating from Divine Mind and the more we make use of these Laws, the more we are lifted out of the mental struggles which bring turmoil, strife, disease, poverty, or trouble in any form.

We are now paying the penalty in our lack of understanding of these Laws; not only in imperfect fruit, but in sickness and trouble. God's message is Perfection. No sickness or turmoil for us, or mildew or black rot for the tree or plant, is in God's Plan. It is in our misuse of all the wonderful material given us.

In every plant or tree there is the sense or instinct to adjust itself so that each part may receive an equal distribution of nourishment; but in so doing it often reverts to less improved appearance or type, but a more hardy growth. Does it not prove that the Divine Mind in action has solved the problem of supply and demand in this equal distribution of nourishment? Is it not an excellent example of justice and wisdom? If the tree or plant developed a beautiful appearance at the expense of hardy growth, we realize that its usefulness would be marred, and later its life would be sacrificed. A hot-house plant is the result of energies directed for the one purpose,—improved appearance.

Hardy growth for the tree and health for us are the first steps for proper development. If we do not direct our energies so as to receive an equal distribution of nourishment, we fail to make the proper use of the material given us. It is not only our purpose to make proper use of materials given, but we must learn to perfect this material whether it is mentality or plant-life.

When we study the work of Luther Burbank we see that his secret is in the knowledge of the Laws of Divine Mind governing himself and plant-life, and in knowing how to bring forth these laws from the material given him.

Luther Burbank, a benefactor to the race through his life work in the perfection of plant-life, has learned that he needs must make proper use of the material given him, the Mind. He has learned how to let the Divine Mind manifest in and through him; teaching him the Laws governing himself and plant-life, and through his complying with these Laws has gained progress in bringing perfection and greater utility out of seemingly unpromising material.

Through his permitting the Divine Mind to make use of his mind he saves time, labor and money in his ability to choose the right plant out of millions. This chosen plant is the type out of which seeds are produced, and it must be the perfect one. Unless his power of choosing is accurate, he would be compelled to choose those which came the nearest to a standard and bring them to maturity in order to see which one of those chosen developed perfectly. But since his judgment is so true, it proves that the Divine Mind will save our time, labor and energy just as it does for the tree.

Through this Universal Energy, which Burbank calls Vital Principle, flowing into plant-life and his knowing how to make proper use of it, came the product, the improved edible, the thornless cactus that has made the desert yield food. The results of his labors are so varied and

so numerous that only a few of the most important can be mentioned: the union of the raspberry and dewberry; the plumcot, the union of plum and apricot; the pomato, the union of a potato and tomato, a fruit either eaten raw or cooked; potatoes, improved with a greater per cent of starch; corn, bred for different purposes according to the per cent of starch or fat as needed; improvement of the chestnut introducing a quick-growing tree in eighteen months from a seedling; improvement of walnut as to nut and wood through the union of different kinds of walnut trees; improvement of fruit trees that would stand unharmed, freezing in both bud and flower; perfection of the plum and the pitless plum; removing odors and replacing them with fragrant ones; adding fragrant odors to scentless ones.

He uses his time only to produce the new forms; for he has not the time to develop each type for commercial purposes and continue creating the new, but he does not ask a fabulous sum for any of the seeds; thereby opening a new avenue for livelihood. His one purpose is to create useful as well as beautiful. Great effort is put forth to eliminate the disagreeable feature in fruit, vegetable and nut. He creates nothing grotesque, that is, just for the novelty of the thing; it must combine usefulness with it if it is to be lasting. To make everything better and greater is his aim.

He has worked along three lines: "Improvement of old varieties of fruits, flowers, grasses, trees, and vegetables; the merging of wild or degenerate types of plant-life with the tame or cultivated ones, in order that the union may be of service to both; the creation of absolutely new forms of life unknown to the world before." All of this work demands close application to meet every need of the plant, and requires study to know the nature of plant life; for plants form habits. The same effort is required to break up these habits as is required of us. It must be brought out of the past into a broader scope, and needs to be studied in all its relations; the past must be known intimately, for "the past of the plant has produced the plant of today."

Through the knowledge we have gained in studying the unconscious expressions of this ever active, ever responsive Energy or Principle, we realize what a conscious use, in the hands of a Burbank, can do in bringing greater results for the benefit of mankind.

There is an evolution or change in tree-life, assuming that perfect seed and proper conditions are given it for growth, an evolution that tends for the betterment of each succeeding generation; that strives to attain perfection through conserving the expenditure of the Universal Energy in forming less of any part, or transforming parts to meet different surroundings, thereby more of the Universal Energy is given to the final product, and a higher standard is reached. It is this striving for Perfection which enables Burbank to bring forth new forms, through his making the right use of the Principle or Universal Energy. A tree or plant having attained a greater degree of perfection will revert to the type from which it came unless properly nurtured and cared for.

It is the same with our lives; for it is our duty to manifest the perfection with which we are endowed. We pass through evolutionary

stages, or a process of development in striving to attain this perfection; and we revert to the conditions out of which we had evolved unless we learn to make proper use of the material given us, and learn to perfect that material, the mind.

WHAT IS THE HIGHER THOUGHT?

The literature of today begins to recognize New Thought—the Higher Thought—as something real and tangible. The nameless fear that inevitably accompanies the introduction of a new idea is beginning to be dispelled with the better knowledge that now comes to the world.

The Higher Thought Movement is a World Movement invading every department of life. It is the forerunner of New Sciences, New Arts, a new Literature, a New Education, a New Penology, a New Science of Healing, and a New Sociology.

It represents a demand for the use of constructive thought in lieu of and as an antidote for destructive forces.

It represents a wider tolerance of individual belief.

It represents a growing appreciation of the power of the individual to control heredity and environment and to secure personal deliverance from fear and failure.

It represents a demand for a larger life among men, greater liberty for the individual, greater Solidarity for Society.

It represents a growing appreciation of the meaning of life through a greater knowledge of the Unity of life itself.

It asks no sacrifices of conscientious belief, no sacrifice of honorable means, no sacrifice of worthy associations.

It stands for voluntary contributions, whether of service or money for all benefactions, recognizing that giving or withholding is a matter that rests with the individual conscience.

Higher Thought recognizes the present as the Eternal, and to this extent presents a new point of view. In brief, Higher Thought is a new and practical application of "The Wisdom of the Ages" to the purpose of life Here and Now.

Analyzed to its extreme, this statement means that Higher Thought recognizes the Source of all power as within the individual—God in man. This is the line of cleavage separating it from the Old Thought which emphasized the vileness of humanity, the doctrine of original sin, the doctrine of eternal decrees, the doctrine of substitution, and other views which made it appear that Fate, Destiny or Heredity rule the life.

Higher Thought lays emphasis on the ability of the individual to control destiny, to regulate health, to sow and to reap according to desire. It lays emphasis on the vital influence of thought as the controlling influence of life.

It treats Joy, Hope, Faith, Love and Truth as real forces that may be commanded by the individual will, and when united, become The Master of Force of the life.

It recognizes the Divinity of Humanity—of all Humanity.

It knows no difference between the natural and the supernatural. It believes the so-called miracles of the past because it knows that these strange and apparently unnatural events are in the order of nature and occur now if they have ever occurred.

It knows no difference between Time and Eternity, but believes we are all now in the Eternities. Because of this belief it is always saying "Now is the accepted time."

It realizes the enormous meaning of this moment fraught with all its potentialities of life.

ATONEMENT—AT-ONE-MENT

WILLIAM YEATS MORE.



FITTING THEME for us this ever-new Christmastide, for it commemorates the final advent into outer form of one who had achieved the consciousness of Eternal Life; the highest unfoldment capable to mortals; an attainment which places the initiate among the glorified risen ones. The goal of at-one-ment has been and is still esoteric, if not vague and indefinite to the average man, so it seems but right that we should attempt to solve the problem, in a manner acceptable to the earnest student unsatisfied with mere dogmatic statements.

From the orthodox standpoint, salvation means the tactic acceptance of a dogma based on an artificial plan, supposedly formulated by Jesus. However, a careful unprejudicial review of the teacher's ethics by no means justifies such conclusions or excuses the reckless condemnation of all unbelievers to the brimstone-pit they so luridly portray. Emerson aptly says, "He that shuts the heavenly door on a single soul, is slamming it in his own face."

The question arises then: Is there a rational basis for universal salvation, as expressed in New Thought and Liberal pulpits? There is most emphatically and the world's saviors, Jesus included, plainly taught that mankind have a common origin and destiny, the plan of which is revealed to the individual consciousness as spiritual unfoldment displaces the sensual elementary life.

The God within is ever calling us up higher, and as taught in the ancient story of Jonah, we cannot escape from that indwelling Spirit, even if we repeatedly part company with the body.

This idea is beautifully expressed by the Psalmist. "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from thy presence? if I ascend up into heaven thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there."

The same truth is plainly taught in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son; how the father met and welcomed him home, as soon as his consciousness awoke from the sensual stupor. The simple words are, "When he came to himself;" this higher Self is the father; and the awakening is the true resurrection from the dead; whether the ego be in or out of the physical covering. Man, therefore, to use a Bible metaphor, "Lies in his grave (sensual life) until the resurrection" (Spiritual awakening).

So we put the ever-recurring question of the Philippian jailer, "What shall we do to be saved?" This is answered by the many systems extant, each loudly proclaiming salvation possible only through acceptance of their individual panacea, and anathematizing all who differ from their infallable dogma.

Divine Science has no condemnation for anyone of the sects, for the simple reason that the individual soul, whether a believer or not, is in "The mill of the gods," which ever meets out equity, justice and loving

co-operation with all who ever so little opens their heart to the higher and turns from the delusions of sense.

Thus gradually the freeing process transcends physical attraction, and the soul naturally ascends into realms denied to the matter-en-chained, until they come into communion with the spirit which leads into all truth, and shows us things to come, as Jesus taught.

This has ever been the teaching of the "Ancient Wisdom," whose altar fires were never extinguished, even in the days of medieval darkness, and whose refulgence is daily becoming apparent to those who look beyond the clouds of the seeming into the realities of true being. Even the terrible war-clouds which now hover over a large part of our earth cannot obscure the vision of the unfolded soul, for he sees in it but the discipline which presages the peace-angel when the bitter lesson is learned, viz., that war is supreme folly; nothing more nor less than nationalized hate, stirring the fires of hell.

Therefore, nations, like individuals, have to outwork their salvation from ignorance, hate and avarice, into the sunlight of knowledge, love and service, thus ushering in the millennial dawn so faithfully foretold by all the seers of the ages.

Practical salvation can never be achieved by condemnation, hate or argument, but only through altruism, forgiveness and renunciation can we contact the Spirit that frees. This attitude disarms all antagonism: is the non-resistance taught by the Master; the principle advocated by the wise of all time, and applies today as well as in any age of the past. This attitude is the key-note of Jesus' teachings, implied in his every talk and parable, and may be epitomized in the sayings, "I must be about my Father's business," and "Not my will, but thine, O God, be done."

Unreserved submission to the Universal Will lifts us to the plane of Avatarship—endows us with the faith that moves mountains, and makes us know with Paul, "All is ours in heaven and in earth." It was this attitude that raised Gotama Sakyasinha, the sage of India, to Buddhahood or cosmic-consciousness, and is the one and only road for us, which is aptly called the King's Highway.

The entrance to this Way of Life is easy and natural; is best given in the simple illustration of the Master, when he called to him a little child, and said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." This child-like attitude is the open sesame to salvation: it does not involve us in any intricate maze of doctrine; love and trust being the only requisites, until the conscious guidance of the Spirit is attained, which leads into all Truth.

This naturally brings us into the regenerate life; gives us more than fleeting glimpses of the redeemed body, spoken of by Jesus ere he ascended, the interpretation of which still remains a mystery to the uninitiated. Here are the oft-quoted but little understood words: "The Lord himself being asked when his kingdom should come? answered, When two shall be one and that which is without as that which is within; and the male with the female, neither male nor female." (12 Clements, Ch. 5.)

Paul says, "There is neither male nor female," and again in Phil. 3:21, "Shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body."

This is the supreme unfoldment spoken of by Jesus, and, we believe, his personal experience in assuming the redeemed body. "In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

Students of natural science and anthropology are now largely discarding the material arguments of Darwin and Huxley for a philosophical and psychic basis, or as one author says, "This research now is more on the origin and descent of man from a Supreme Being, rather than the theory of descent from anthropoidal or other sources."

This was stated by Bacon a few centuries ago, when he said, "Philosophy, when superficially studied, creates and excites doubt; when thoroughly explored, dispels it; and, while a little research into great subjects inclines one's mind to atheism, depths of philosophy bring the mind about to religion and truth."

All this is amply verified by our Prof. Elmer Gates today in his marvelous experiments, illustrative of the meeting and blending of physics and metaphysics, proving that practically these so-called two are one; but two phases of one great whole.

Thus does modern science illumine the quoted words of the Master regarding the androgynous wholeness of the redeemed body, pointing to a coming time "When none shall say, Know the Lord, for all shall know him." Then will the dual expressions of male and female be superseded by a race of God-like bisexual humanity.

This is the true at-one-ment that triumphs over the twin delusions of birth and death; places us among the white-robed throng, seen by the Seer on the lonely Patmos. This is the salvation ultimate of every incarnated human, believer or unbeliever, and is the infinite plan of an infinite God, in contro-distinction to a finite limited plan that saves only a small percentage of the race.

The preacher of the New Day can therefore reverse the message which says, "Believe this way or be damned," by saying, "This all-comprehensive plan of salvation cannot be forfeited, evaded or escaped, and any finite formulation to do so is but furnishing fuel for a self-made hell, which will inevitably lead the pilgrim to the path of righteousness, for the simple reason, there is no other way given among men whereby we can (must) be saved."

Jesus taught that often the hard way of sin and law-breakage led sooner to the kingdom than the attitude of the strict superficial law-abiding Pharisee, resting content in his self-righteousness: "The Publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you."

This is the one notable passage which proves unmistakably that Jesus never taught an endless hell, but that it was ever auto-remedial, leading the soul invariably to the path towards and into Eternal Life: a glorious immortality; truly an infinite universal plan of redemption, that, like the subjects of space and time, appalls and transcends our finite comprehension.

Let us so unfold spiritually in this life-stage, that at our succeeding advent, the wise men may enquire, as they did at the initial Christmas, "Where is he that is born king, for we have seen his star and are come to worship (welcome) him."

What a glorious reception is thus promised our coming Mastership; heaven and earth uniting to welcome us into the holy fellowship of eternal life-initiates, depicted by John as clothed in white robes. Then to us will assuredly come that transcendent pledge of fulfillment, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it."

This is the lesson of Christmas. May we so apply it that in after years our life reviewer may record of us something like the following, "But Mary kept all those things, and pondered them in her heart."

THE FIFTH DIVINE SCIENCE ASSEMBLY

of the students of the Colorado College of Divine Science will be held at the Colorado College of Divine Science, Denver, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 19-21, 1915, preceded on Monday evening by the Graduates' Round Table.

The general topic of the Assembly (which is open to only certified students) will be "Living the Life," the sessions to be as informal as possible—everybody being made to feel at home, and not a dress-affair occasion, or set addresses upon various subjects—but definite application of the principles of Truth as taught by Divine Science.

The session subjects to be thus discussed and practiced are:

Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 10 a. m., "The New Prayer and Its Power."

2:30 p. m., "The Light that Never Fails."

8:00 p. m., "Possessing Our Possessions."

Wednesday, Jan. 20th., 10 a. m., "My World Reflects My Attitude."

2:30 p. m., "Everyone a Healer."

8:00 p. m., "Spiritual Prosperity." (Open meeting.)

Thursday, Jan. 21st., 10 a. m., "Consecration."

12:00 m., Basket Lunch.

2:00 p. m., Song Service.

2:30 p.m., "Stand Therefore."

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*Trip lightly over sorrow, trip lightly over wrong;
We only make grief double by dwelling on it long.
Why clasp woe's hand so tightly? Why sigh o'er blossoms dead?
Why cling to forms unsightly? Why seek not Joy instead?*



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In His Name. "Blessed be the Lord God, and blessed be His glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with His glory." Whatever service is rendered, whether in receiving or giving, will be "In His Name." As Jesus said, The doctrine, the words, the works, the good, are not mine, but His that sent me.

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Be Thou Whole. No matter what you have thought, we declare Wholeness unto you. The world, or any part of it, is imperfect only to the soul who has not yet seen its Perfection. All things that are possible to God are possible to the soul that believes on God. You may see as He sees, know as He knows, trust as He trusts.

Attitude. Attitude includes your motives, your beliefs, your impulses. Therefore your thoughts, words, and deeds express your attitude. Remember, attitude controls only living, or the use of the forces. Life is perfect, unchanging.

Believe. Believe in God, in yourself, in your fellows. Accept this Universe as One in Purpose and Plan, everything and everybody co-operating at every point.

Pray. Pray "His Kingdom IS come, His Will IS done, on earth." Be open to God, and He will reveal Himself to you, and you will see, hear, understand—yes, receive all He has in Mind for you, "prepared from the beginning," only waiting your willingness, openness to receive.

Receive. Receive in the spirit of Love and Confidence all that comes, knowing that the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" cannot fall short of manifesting His own Perfection to and through you. Relax, let go, and let be His Perfect Creation.

Trust. Trust God for Wisdom, Health, Supply, and Happiness. He is the ONLY Source, the Mighty Coun-

sellor, the Great Physician, the True Provider.

Rejoice. Rejoice in the Law of the Lord, and give Him hearty thanks for all His benefits. Count the blessings, every one.

Be Silent. For the sole purpose of knowing conscious Unity, communion with God, wherein you receive guidance each day for every activity of thought, word and deed.

Concentration. Love the Lord thy God with all thy mind and heart and strength. Do all things heartily (wholly) unto Him. Keep your faculties united. One moment of absolute concentration on Omnipresence is "all powerful."

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(In present tense.)

Our Father which art in heaven,
 Hallowed is thy name.
 Thy kingdom is come; thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Thou givest us each day our daily bread.
 Thou forgivest our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 Thou leadest us not into temptation; but dost deliver us from all evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Praise God in whom all being is!
 Praise Him for Word and Form are His!
 Praise Him! All ye His Truth proclaim,
 Sing joyful praise unto His name.

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Daily Studies for the Month

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DIVINE SCIENCE STATEMENT OF BEING

God is All there is, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, Knowledge and Power, is ALL.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life, Intelligence and Substance.

Man is the Expression of God, and is ever One with this Perfect Life, Intelligence and Substance.

JESUS THE CHRIST

FOREWORD.

Our Daily Studies are at best a suggestive outline for the Truth-Seeker, who, if he really hungers and thirsts for Right Living, will be led by each day's suggestion into pastures green and "living waters" that will nourish him unto Everlasting Life.

These words, dear reader, go to you with the blessing of the Law—"which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow to it." Give them your best thought. Let us eat, drink and be refreshed in Truth together.—M. M. P. K.

Central Thought for the Month:

"As he is, so are we in this world."

Main Thought for the Week:

"Search the Scriptures . . . they testify of me."

Tuesday, December First.

This month let us study the Christ-Life as we have never done before. *Listen* in the Silence. Study from "the beginning—God," through process—God, to the end—God; the All in All. Go back to Moses and the prophets: there find and trace through the centuries ever following the "I Am That I Am."

(Genesis 1:1; Revelation 1:8, 18.)

Wednesday, December Second.

Moses, humanity's type, leader of his people, was sent to deliver them from bondage. Fully equipped was he, empowered to lead them out of Egypt—not of himself, with "slow speech and stammering tongue," but with the assurance and message that "I am that I am;" "Certainly I will be with thee;" "Say to the people, I AM hath sent me unto you."

(Exodus 3:1-15.)

Thursday, December Third.

"I Am that I Am. This is my (universal) name forever, and this is my memorial unto *all* generations." This is your and my name forever. This is Truth—eternal, changeless; our "sure foundation"—"I Am that I Am." Can you grasp it?

If you but accept the message in faith, from all bondage this Name (Nature) sets you free.

(Isaiah 61:1-3; 42:1-9. Mark 1:15; 12:10-12.)

Friday, December Fourth.

It was charged against Jesus that he juggled with the "I Am." He unswervingly affirmed himself to be the Son of man, but knew his oneness with God, and in the consciousness of this One Reality he again and again met his accusers in the name of "I Am."

Live close to this truth, and daily commune with your God, with the Light within. This is the enduement of Power which "breaks every bond" and "sets the captive free."

I (ssiah 61:1-3; 42:1-9. Mark 1:15; 12:10-12.)

Saturday, December Fifth.

"I Am" gave birth to Desire. "I Am" fulfills Desire. "I Am" Prophet, Prophecy, Fulfillment. I Am Life. "I am come in my Father's name."
(Isaiah 9:6, 7; John 5:17-27.)

Main Thought for the Week:

"I and my Father are One."

Sunday, December Sixth.

"Before Abraham was—I Am." "I Am, and beside me is none else, saith the Lord." This makes you and me—I Am Life, Truth, one with the All; perfect, complete in Him.

(Deut. 18:13; Matt. 5:48; John 1:1-18.)

Monday, December Seventh.

Any other foundation than the Infinite One cannot be. Omnipresence: One Substance, One Nature, One Power. Conscious of Itself it excludes the possibility of anything adverse. "Do not I *fill* heaven and earth, saith the Lord."

(Read "Selected Bible Readings," pages 10 and 11.)

Tuesday, December Eighth.

What more could be done, O child of earth, O child of God, to make thy way perfect. God-Life I Am! I accept my own. I rejoice in the "fullness of God" that fills, thrills, quickens, glorifies me *now* and forevermore.

(Hymn 55. "Selected Bible Readings, pages 16 and 17.)

Wednesday, December Ninth.

Many illumined ones in the past have seen and rejoiced in this Highway of Holiness—the vision of the "One—mighty to save."

Read Isaiah, 35th and 40th chapters.

"Ponder these things in your hearts" as a message to you individually. Discriminate in all your reading between Truth and man's conceptions or opinions of Truth.

Thursday, December Tenth.

Go, as often did Jesus, "apart into a mountain to pray." Still your thoughts, all opinions; forget for a time your past; let no experiences—fear, doubt, worry—disturb you here; simple breathe—be yourself, and "I Am Life," "I Am Light" will quicken and reveal yourself to you as you really are—a Life Center of Loving Activity in this and every common day.

I am Spirit, and the inbreathing of the Almighty gives me understanding.
(Isaiah 60:1-4, 17-22.)

Friday, December Eleventh.

"Understanding is a well-spring of Life." Harmonious living results from understanding the Truth of Being as taught through Old Testament symbols and ceremonies; the vision becoming all the while more clearly seen and actualized of the Christ, whose kingdom is at hand.

(1 John 5; Isaiah 11:1-10.)

Saturday, December Twelfth.

"Nearer, clearer still is heard the Everlasting Word." "The Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." To the open soul, the listening ear, the seeing eye are revealed wonderful things to come.

(Hear Paul: 1 Cor. 2. "Selected Bible Readings," pages 24 and 25.)

Main Thought for the Week:

"One God and Father of All, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Sunday, December Thirteenth.

Our special thought or watchword for the week is only another way of stating that "which was, is now, and ever shall be"—the Truth, changeless and eternal; the summing up of the prophecies to be recognized and fulfilled and demonstrated by Jesus the Christ, by you and me, and all God's children.

("Truth and Health," page 190. "Selected Bible Readings," pages 38 and 39.)

Monday, December Fourteenth.

All shall know the Truth, and thus be free. In the Christ-consciousness there is no criticism, intolerance, or condemnation. We are all One—comrades, brothers—forgiving, loving one another, "so fulfilling the law of Christ." Do you and I stand this test?

(Romans 13:8, 10. "Selected Bible Readings," pages 64 and 65.)

Tuesday, December Fifteenth.

In the Christ-consciousness all shall know the Law and co-operate in fulfilling it, thus establishing right living and harmony in the earth. You and I have our part in hastening this glad day.

(Ephesians 4:1-15. "Truth and Health," page 251.)

Wednesday, December Sixteenth.

To the awakened soul "There is one God and Father of all." Gladly he accepts this Truth, with all the blessed consequences of such acceptance. He lets go his adverse opinions; lets be this ONE, and rejoices in the Father's reign.

(Isaiah 52:6-10. "Truth and Health," page 192.)

Thursday, December Seventeenth.

The apparent difference in people results from their different attitudes toward Truth. Essentially we are *One*—the same Life, the same Law governing all. Let us look from the Godward side: then we shall "*know* as we are known," see, as God sees—all good.

("Selected Bible Readings," pages 70 and 71. 1 John 4.)

Friday, December Eighteenth.

Old Testament prophecy, symbol and ceremony prefigure the coming of the Christ, his everlasting kingdom and reign: not only of the Christ-Child of Bethlehem—but of *your* true Life and mine—for "as he is, so are we in this world."

(John 3. "Truth and Health," page 95.)

Saturday, December Nineteenth.

John Baptist—so near the Christ and yet so far! Jesus said of him, "Among those born of women there is not a greater than John, yet he that is *least* in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he."

See—accept—rejoice in your heritage.

(John 1:6, 15, 19-28. "Truth and Health," page 165.)

Main Thought for the Week—

Glory to God for His unspeakable Gift of Life. That "Life is in His Son." "We are Sons of God."

Sunday, December Twentieth.

Read again John 1:1-14. Read it as *your* Life-Story; then as did Jesus, reverently, and accept your own, and zealously "be about my Father's business." Remember, your mission, too, is "To bear witness to the Truth."

("Truth and Health," pages 64 and 65. "Selected Bible Readings," pages 32 and 33.)

Monday, December Twenty-first.

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Both John and Jesus began their public ministry in these significant words. To the illumined soul, "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"—always the "Kingdom of God within you." I *will* explore it, rejoice in it.

("Truth and Health," pages 66 and 67. Romans 8:37-39.)

Tuesday, December Twenty-second.

Impossible as it *seemed*, Mary *believed* the good news the angel brought her, and broke forth in exultant song, as she "pondered these things and kept them in her heart."

(Luke 1. "Truth and Health," pages 68 and 69.)

Wednesday, December Twenty-third.

Has the "Power of the Highest overshadowed" *you—me—brought us* messages of Life "too good to be *true*" or *believed*? Stop! Let us "*keep* all these things in our hearts; cherish, *ponder* them"—as we sing "*my* soul doth *magnify* the Lord." These messages shall become *actualized*.

("Bible Selections," pages 84 and 85.)

Thursday, December Twenty-fourth.

On the threshold at least of the day so long foretold. Joseph and Mary obedient to the heavenly messages sent them are still found rendering "tribute to whom tribute is due." Doing their common day work—meeting their obligations—as good citizens.

(Luke 2:1-21.)

Friday, December Twenty-fifth.

"And she brought forth her first born Son." "His name was called Jesus" in fulfillment of many prophecies. A mighty chorus echoes through Eternity—"Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

(Luke 2:22-39.)

Saturday, December Twenty-sixth.

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in Spirit; filled with Wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." What else *could* the child do—left with God and such a mother!

(Luke 2:41-52.)

Sunday, December Twenty-seventh.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Spontaneous, joyful expression, from infancy through his childhood and youth. All the while his mother "kept all these sayings in her heart." As a lad of twelve his knowledge of Life, its relationships and mission, was so definite and strong that he saw the futility of his parents' anxiety—when they found him in the Doctors' and Lawyers' Council.

Monday, December Twenty-eighth.

The lapse of years from this time until his public ministry, of which we know nothing, requires no vivid imagination to fill full of joyful activity, diligent self-culture and development, else we should not find him at thirty

years the conscious Son of God, who "spoke with authority" in the face of contradiction and persecution.

(Read Mark 14.)

Tuesday, December Twenty-ninth.

"He spake as never man spake," as he went about healing the sick, teaching, preaching, *Living* the Gospel; with foe and friend alike—*true*, though it took him through crucifixion and the tomb.

(Read Mark 15.)

Wednesday, December Thirtieth.

Through death comes Life. Resurrection follows crucifixion. "Whoso loseth *his* life shall find *It*"—the true Life.

(Read John 20.)

Thursday, December Thirty-first.

Hear his last words in "*witness* of the Truth," his command to his followers, and the promise of his presence. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, * * * and I am *with* you *always*."

(Read Mark 16.)

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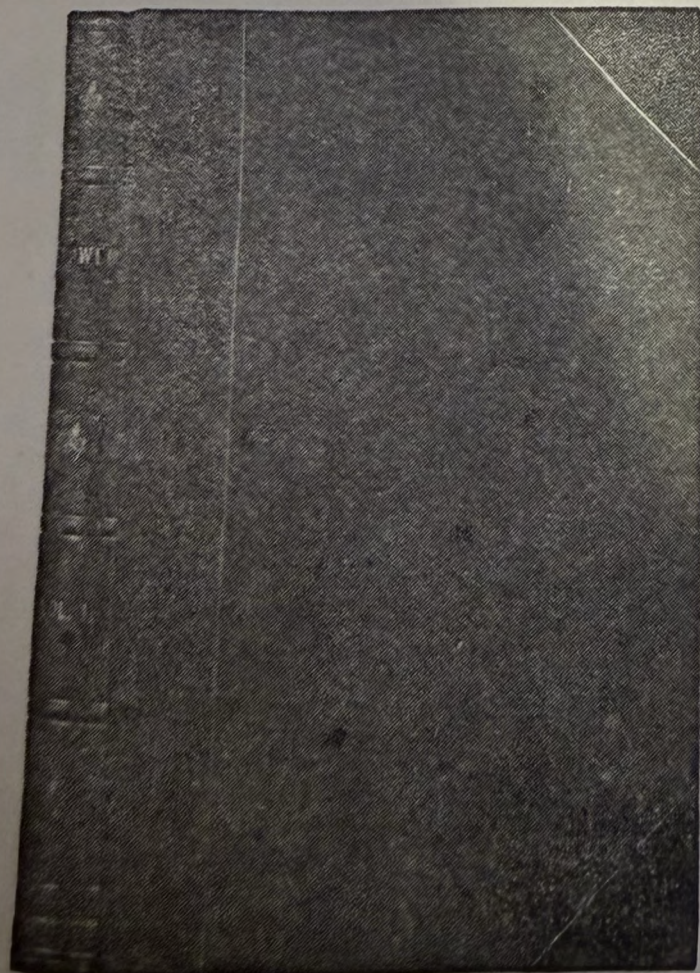
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